

REMARKS

Summary Of The Office Action & Formalities

The Applicant has authorized the law firm of Sughrue Mion, PLLC and undersigned attorney to file this response. The Applicant will prepare and submit the appropriate Power of Attorney shortly.

Claims 1 and 2 are all the claims pending in the application. By this Amendment, Applicant is canceling claims 1 and 2, and adding new claims 3-22. No new matter is added.

Submitted herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time with fee.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the claim to foreign priority and for confirming that the certified copy of the priority document was received.

Applicant also thanks the Examiner for initialing some of the references listed on form PTO-1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 26, 2001. With respect to the two foreign references that have not been initialed, Applicant notes that these references were cited in the International Search Report ("ISR") for the PCT application from which this application entered the national stage. Under USPTO patent practice, the Examiner is required to consider such references, and, if listed in the proper format in an information disclosure statement, initial the references so that they appear on the issued patent. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicant is submitting herewith the ISR from the PCT application. The Examiner is now kindly requested to initial to two foreign references that were previously stricken through.

The drawings are objected to for the reasons stated at pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action. Applicant is submitting a replacement drawing sheet that corrects the cross-hatching. The Examiner has suggested including a plan view of the printed circuit board. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's suggestions, but believes that one skilled in the art would not require additional views in order to fully understand the disclosed invention. Moreover, the figures do illustrate the widening of the conducting track. For example, Fig. 4, the track is widened to extend below the electrical part 13.1.

The specification is objected to for various reasons set forth at pages 3-5 of the Office Action. Applicant is amending the specification to overcome those objections.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs, for the reason set forth at pages 6-9 of the Office Action. Applicant is canceling claims 1 and 2 and adding new claims to overcome this rejection.

The prior art rejections are summarized as follows:

1. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Ohsawa (USP 4,339,785).

Applicant respectfully traverses.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

1. Claims 1 And 2 In View Of Ohsawa (USP 4,339,785).

In rejecting claims 1 and 2 in view of Ohsawa (USP 4,339,785), the grounds of rejection state:

Regarding claim 1, Ohsawa discloses a printed circuit board (element 6, figure 1) with a conductive track (element 7 and

8, figure 1 and 2) having pads (element 7a and 7b, figure 1 and 1) formed on the surface of the board,

an electronic component (element 5, figure 1) mounted on the board,

an adhesive (element 13, figure 1) disposed on the board attaching the component to the board, and

electrodes (element 2 and 3, figure 1) of the component soldered (solder 14, 15, figure 1) to the pads on the tracks.

Regarding claim 2, Ohsawa further discloses the wider pads (element 7a-8a, figure 2).

Office Action at page 10.

New claims 3-22 recite features that are neither taught nor suggested by Ohsawa.

In particular, new claim 3 recites a circuit in which “the first conducting track extends beyond the first conducting part to a position under the electrical part.” In Ohsawa, the lands 7a and 8a do not extend beyond the caps 2 and 3.

New claim 14 recites a circuit having “an adhesive on the first conducting track, the adhesive adhering the electrical component to the first conducting track.” In Ohsawa, the adhesive is not on either land 7a or 8a.

New claim 21 recites a circuit in which “the first conducting track comprises a pad extending from a side of the first conducting track facing the opening, and an adhesive on the pad, the adhesive adhering the electrical component to the first conducting track. In Ohsawa, there is no such extension of either land 7a or 8a.

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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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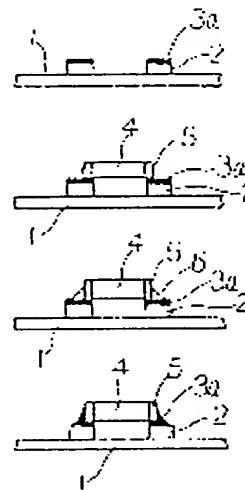
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(54) CREAMY SOLDER

(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To prevent that the terminal of the component fitted while under transfer of a printed circuit board is moved from the adhesion position by coating an adhesive material on the printed circuit board by mixing it in a creamy solder and by fitting the component thereto.

CONSTITUTION: An adhesive material 6 is mixed in the creamy solder 3a which is made creamy by mixing a powder like solder with the flux of high viscosity. For the adhesive material 6 those which cure in a fixed period after coating or cure at a certain temp. are used. A component 4 is fitted to a printed circuit board 1 at the component fitting stage by coating this creamy solder 3a by printing it on the surface of the electric conductor 2 of the printed circuit board 1. The adhesive material 6 is hardened by leaving it to chance or by cooling according to the curing conditions of the mixed adhesive material 6 and the terminal 5 of the component 4 is fixed to the surface of the conductor 2. The component 4 is then fixed by soldering it on the printed circuit board 1 by fixing the creamy solder 3a by its cooling with its melting by heating by transferring to the reflow soldering stage. In this case the adhesive material 6 is flowed out of the solder joining part with its melt by heating and no effect on soldering.



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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Sheet 1 of the drawing is amended to correct the cross-hatching.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet(s)